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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR PFOR MP US
SUBJECT: OPPOSITION CHARGES ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON
DIEGO GARCIA

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1. MINISTER LABOR YOUSUF MOHAMED TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER
MARCH 2 THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TASK OF RESPONDING TO
PORTION OF MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) OPPOSITION
LEADER JUGNAUTH'S REMARKS ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA IN HIS MAIDEN
SPEECH IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 1 (SEE REFTEL).
MOHAMED ASKED FOR WHATEVER HELP WE COULD PROVIDE,
SPECIFICALLY ON CHARGE THAT WE ARE STORING NUCLEAR WEAPONS
ON DIEGO GARCIA.

2. IT IS MY RECOLLECT ON THAT PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM
RECEIVED ASSURANCES ON THIS SCORE WHEN HE MET WITH PRESIDENT
FORD IN FALL OF 1975 IN WASHINGTON. REALIZE OUR POLICY IS
TO DECLINE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT LOCATIONS OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, BUT IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR US TO RENEW TO GOM ASSURANCES
THAT THERE ARE NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON DIEGO GARCIA, IT WOULD
ASSIST GOM GREATLY IN RESPONDING TO MMM'S CHARGES. ANY OTHER
OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL STATEMENT WE COULD GIVE TO MOHAMED
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WOULD ASSIST HIM, E.G., ON OUR POLICY ON QUESTION OF
DEMILITARIZATION OF INDIAN OCEAN, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF
PEACE, PRESENCE OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN INDIAN OCEAN,
REASON FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT DIEGO GARCIA. MOHAMED
MUST DELIVER HIS ANSWER AT NEXT ASSEMBLY SESSION MARCH 15,
SO WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND SOONEST TO HIS REQUEST.
KEELEY

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